

ARKANSAS  
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



\* Harvesting All Row Crops/Planting Wheat

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**RELEASED:** October 21, 2002 3:00 p.m.- A series of cold fronts brought below normal temperatures and above normal rainfall. The heaviest rainfall was in the west and south. According to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 20 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

**CROPS:** Corn harvest is virtually complete. Sorghum is winding down with rice harvest not far behind. Many cotton and soybean fields are unable to be harvested because of rains keeping the fields too wet. However, the cotton is reported as keeping its' quality. Apple harvest is complete. Winter wheat and other cool season forages such as ryegrass and clover are being planted. Some counties are reporting that there may be much less wheat planted this year if the rains continue.

**LIVESTOCK:** Cattle have remained in good condition throughout the year. Cattle are being worked with calves being weaned and sold. Pastures are being cut and fertilized. Some producers are still getting a last hay cutting before winter.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Harvested	98	96	100	98					
CORN									
Harvested	100	99	100	100					
COTTON					4	7	23	57	9
Opening Bolls	100	98	100	99					
Harvested	37	26	61	67					
RICE									
Harvested	93	88	99	96					
SOYBEANS					2	11	28	42	17
Yellowing	91	86	97	90					
Shedding	82	68	93	85					
Mature <sup>1</sup>	69	54	--	64					
Harvested	40	29	56	49					
WHEAT									
Planted	20	10	24	28					
Emerged	9	4	10	10					
OTHER HAY					4	10	37	42	7
PASTURE					7	21	41	28	3

<sup>1</sup> Previous year was not requested. The 5-year average is from 1996-2000.

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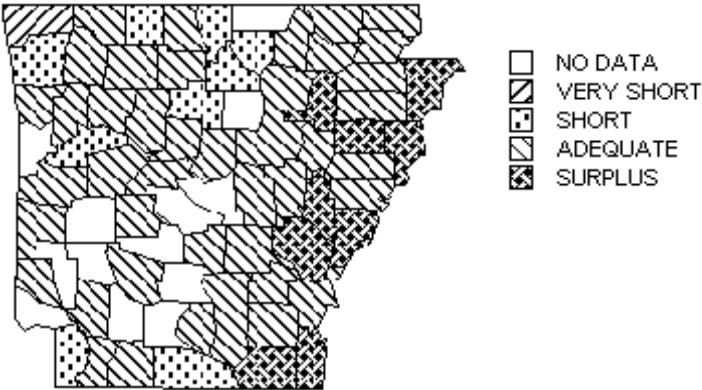
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 20, 2002. Temperatures were below normal. Rainfall was above normal, heaviest rainfall was in the west and south. Texarkana and Eudora recorded the high temperature of 78<sup>0</sup> with Fayetteville recording the low temperature of 27<sup>0</sup>. Precipitation ranged from a high of 3.83 inches at Hope to a low of 0.27 inches at Clarksville and Fort Smith.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: October 20, 2002

DISTRICT  AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE  FROM NORMAL	WEEK  ENDING OCT 20	CURRENT  OCT ACCUM.	OCT  NORMAL	JANUARY-SEP	
							2002	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	69	27	-10	0.48	0.94	3.74	34.79	34.34
Harrison	69	32	-8	0.81	1.21	3.50	38.10	33.11
2 Calico Rock	73	32	-6	0.62	1.25	3.61	37.13	33.45
Greers Ferry	75	37	-7	0.40	1.56	4.21	37.13	36.25
Mountain Home	72	36	-8	0.44	0.63	3.14	40.08	32.84
3 Batesville	72	36	-6	0.39	1.67	4.00	30.66	34.03
Jonesboro	75	41	-5	0.79	1.16	3.89	28.50	33.02
Keiser	75	39	-6	0.78	4.37	3.38	33.97	36.75
Newport	76	39	-7	0.72	3.57	3.67	35.45	34.86
4 Booneville	72	36	-10	0.52	1.64	3.90	40.79	34.54
Clarksville	74	37	-6	0.27	0.88	4.13	42.26	33.41
Dardanelle	75	40	-5	0.56	1.84	4.19	33.60	34.74
Ft. Smith	74	37	-6	0.27	0.83	3.94	39.50	31.74
Mena	72	36	-8	2.01	5.49	5.68	36.61	41.81
Ozark	73	36	-8	0.58	0.96	3.91	45.84	32.33
5 Conway	74	40	-7	0.88	2.61	4.03	32.49	34.61
Hot Springs	75	35	-10	2.30	4.44	5.21	34.50	40.99
Little Rock	76	44	-6	1.23	3.34	4.25	31.31	36.24
N Little Rock	76	42	-7	1.61	4.19	3.81	28.18	35.11
6 Brinkley	74	41	-6	0.64	2.85	3.58	30.33	36.10
Marianna	74	42	-6	1.19	3.69	3.79	33.45	38.37
Stuttgart	76	40	-7	1.15	5.63	3.83	38.66	38.66
7 Hope	73	39	-6	3.83	9.29	4.54	36.24	39.00
Texarkana	78	45	-5	3.35	4.41	3.87	27.52	33.34
8 Camden	76	41	-6	0.63	3.39	4.42	35.56	38.32
El Dorado	77	42	-5	0.61	2.51	4.33	34.73	40.18
Warren	74	41	-7	1.57	3.03	4.53	34.01	40.39
9 Eudora	78	43	-3	1.03	3.32	3.93	36.26	41.56
Pine Bluff	76	43	-7	1.34	3.22	4.49	34.67	37.71
Rohwer	70	41	-5	0.47	3.55	3.38	35.59	37.61

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